

## **MINUTES**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mr. Hebert, at 7:00 pm.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL:**

The following members were present: Mr. Hebert, Mr. Steere, Mr. Baker, Mr. Skeffington, Ms. Michalik and Mr. Gieck. Mr. Piccirilli and Mr. Robert Wallace were also in attendance.

### **IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Steere and seconded by Mr. Skeffington that the actions of the School Committee at the meeting scheduled on August 19, 2008 be amended with applied corrections and approved as presented. Motion passed with one abstention by Ms. Michalik.

Motion passed 5-0-1

### **V. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Ms. Michalik that the approval of bills dated 9/3/2008 in the amount of \$267,155.59 be approved as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

### **VI. APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Motion by Mr. Steer seconded by Mr. Skeffington to accept the appointment of Mr. Robert M. Wallace to the position of Superintendent of Glocester Elementary Schools for a period of 45 days at \$640.00 per day for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion passed 6-0-0

### **B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Before giving the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Wallace expressed his appreciation for the Committees confidence in his abilities to serve the Committee, the Community and students of Glocester. He looks forward to a successful year as their Superintendent.

#### **1. Personnel – Resignations/Leaves/Appointments –**

- a. Mr. Wallace sought the advice and consent of the Committee on the appointment of Jennifer Ware to the position of instructional assistant at the West Gloucester Elementary School with a start date of 9-3-08 and an appointment date of 9-16-08. On a motion made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the appointment was approved. 6-0-0
  - b. Mr. Wallace sought the advice and consent of the Committee on the appointment of Christine DeLuca to the position of instructional assistant at the Fogarty Elementary School with a start date of 9-3-08 and an appointment date of 9-16-08. On a motion made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the appointment was approved. 6-0-0
  - c. Mr. Wallace sought the advice and consent of the Committee on the appointment of Laura Livingston to the position of Grade 5 Teacher at the West Gloucester Elementary School at Step 2 with a Masters Degree with a start date of 9-3-08 and an appointment date of 9-16-08. On a motion made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Ms. Michalik the appointment was approved. 6-0-0
  - d. Mr. Wallace sought the advice and consent of the Committee on the appointment of Nancy O'Reilly to the .5 FTE position of Kindergarten Teacher at the Fogarty Elementary School at Step 5 with a Master Degree with a start date of 9-3-08 and an appointment date of 9-16-08. On a motion made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Skeffington a discussion followed with budget concerns to cover a now full time teacher with benefits. Mr. Hebert let the Committee know that the Town Council of Gloucester looked favorably on the hire instead of bussing students from Fogarty to West Gloucester after hearing concerns from parents whose children might be affected. Mr. Cervasio, Foster School Committee member, suggested that students bordering Gloucester and Foster might be able to attend the Captain Isaac Paine School if these kinds of problems arose in the future. Mr. Steer and Mr. Gieck seemed favorable to a discussion and asked that this be placed on the future agenda items. The appointment was approved with Mr. Steer abstaining. 5-0-1
2. Student Enrollment
- Mr. Wallace informed the Committee of Gloucester's Student Enrollment as of 9-8-2008 to be as follows:

West Gloucester – 333 current students – a decrease of 10 from 2007-2008.  
Fogarty – 300 current students – a decrease of 22 from 2007-2008.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items were expressed to be included on next month's agenda –  
Town Council Update

A monthly update from Mr. Mainville  
What are the procedures if there is a deficit  
Bussing issues at the Regional Middle School  
Bussing contract is needed for the two bussing companies in Town  
Transfer of the Business Office from the Region to the Town  
Second reading of the Gloucester Wellness Policy  
Non-Glocester students attending Gloucester Schools

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **X. Move to Executive Session per RI General Laws (42-46) Open Meeting Law**

Motion by Mr. Steer seconded by Mr. Skeffington, that the Committee recess into Executive Session per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 at 7:45pm to consider Non-certified Contract Negotiations/Collective Bargaining/Potential Litigation. Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Steer that the Committee reconvene to Open Session at 8:10pm. Motion passed 6-0-0.

## **XI. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Baker seconded by Mr. Skeffington, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

- a. General Disclosure of Executive Session Procedures
- b. Disclosure of any votes taken

Motion by Mr. Hebert seconded by Mr. Steer that the Committee accepted the Contract for Dr. Lorraine Bowen, Principal of West Gloucester School. Motion passed. 6-0-0

## **XII ADJOURMENT**

Motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Mr. Baker, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25p.m. Motion passes 6-0-0

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**Helena McCullough**